

2005 White House Conference on Aging

Post-Event Summary Report

Name of Event: **Women at Risk: The Future of Social Security**

Date of Event: **April 29, 2005**

Location of Event: **Campus of Towson University, Towson, Maryland**

Number of Persons Attending: **110 people**

Sponsoring Organizations:

Towson University, Center for Productive Aging

Towson University, Women's Studies Department

Older Woman's League

Baltimore County Department on Aging

Maryland Consortium for Gerontology in Higher Education

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Priority Issue: **Maintaining Social Security as a social insurance**
program that
 ensures benefits for all American workers.

Barriers: **Barriers to this priority include potential privatization models. Another barrier is the aging of the baby boom generation. However, demographics do not dictate that the Social Security program that has served Americans for the past 7 decades will need to be dismantled or even re-designed.**

Proposed Solutions:

- (1) Make Social Security as it currently exists a budget priority.**
- (2) Remove the cap on withholding taxes to address the short-term projected deficits of the program.**
- (3) Provide a Social Security work credit for caregiving years spent out of the workforce by parents or adult children.**